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CONDITIONAL REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION (RCE)

Dear Sir:

Applicants are concurrently presenting an Amendment in the subject patent application. If this Amendment does not place this patent application in condition for allowance, please consider this a request for continuing examination (RCE), under appropriate provisions of law and regulation including 37 CFR 1.114 and 1.17(e), of the above-identified patent application. In the event that entry of the Amendment is denied because the present application is under a

final rejection, please also consider this a request for entry of the amendment in connection with the continuing examination of this patent application.

Please consider this a formal request for an interview by telephone with the examiner prior to the issuance of the first office action on the continuing examination of this application. Applicants' attorney would like to fully understand the rationale of the Examiner, present his understanding of the art and the invention, and explore any patentable subject matter exists in the subject patent application in such a telephonic interview. Of course, such interview would be held at a mutually-agreeable time.

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Respectfully submitted, D. Singer et al.

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